



PERMIT MODIFICATION

PHILIP SERVICES CORPORATION

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

January 2001

Philip-Georgetown Facility RCRA Permit

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to modify the current permit for the Philip Services Georgetown facility, located at 734 South Lucille Street, Seattle, WA.

You are invited to:

- Give us your comments on the draft permit modification during the public comment period;
- Attend a public hearing to state your views on the permit modification for public record.

The Public Hearing Process

The public hearing will begin with a short presentation on the proposed permit modification and an explanation on how the hearing will be run. A sign up sheet will be available for those who want to give a public comment. No question and answer session will be held. Each commentor will be given three minutes to state his or her comment, and a court reporter records the comment word for word. A transcript of the entire meeting will become part of the public record for this site.

All comments received at the public hearing, and written comments submitted during the public comment period will be considered in EPA's final decision on this proposed action.

60-Day Public Comment Period January 11 through March 12, 2001

Publication of a Legal Notice in the P. I. on January 11th begins the public comment period. Attached to this fact sheet is a comment sheet for your convenience. Also attached is a copy of the legal notice for the proposed permit modification. Formal public comments must be sent by March 12th to:

Ed Jones, EPA Project Manager
1200 Sixth Avenue, MS/WCM-121
Seattle, WA 98101
OR
e-mail - PhilipGeorgetownR10@epa.gov
E-mailed comments should include your name and mailing address.

Public Hearing
Thursday, February 15, 2001
Eagles Hall, Aerie #1
6205 Corson Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98108
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Proposed Permit Modification

The EPA proposes to modify Section VII of the current permit, which deals with "Corrective Actions," (actions to clean up the environment from past releases, such as tank leaks, spills, etc.). The most significant change in the proposed permit modification is the schedule for completing Corrective Actions. The permit, other than Section VII, will remain unchanged. The proposed modification requires specific actions and documents for the investigation and the evaluation of cleanup technology. The proposed modification will also include a task-by-task enforceable schedule. The modification does not extend the life of the existing permit, which was originally issued in 1991. However, the modification will stay in effect until Ecology issues a new permit.

Background and Next Steps

The Philip Services Corporation currently manages and recycles commercial and industrial hazardous waste. Investigations show there is contamination in the subsurface soils at the facility and in the groundwater. However, the groundwater is not a source of drinking water.

The hazardous waste permit, issued in August 1991 to Chemical Processors, Inc., the owner of the facility at the time, is jointly managed by EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology. EPA has oversight for the cleanup process under RCRA Corrective Action for the site.

EPA is focusing on the cleanup investigation to determine what is needed to begin corrective measures. One of the first steps is to modify the permit and bring the cleanup

schedules up to date. EPA expects the field investigation at the Georgetown site to be completed in the next several months. Philip Services will then submit a draft report of the investigation to the Agency in the spring of 2001. EPA will review this report and provide comments back to Philip Services.

When the report is final and approved by EPA, Philip will complete an evaluation of potential cleanup solutions, which are referred to as "Corrective Measures" or cleanup remedies. Portions of this evaluation have already begun, and will continue while the investigation and the report are being completed. EPA and Ecology will then review the cleanup solutions proposed by Philip.

For More Information

Documents relating to EPA's draft Permit Modification for the Philip Services Georgetown facility and cleanup activities can be review at the following locations.

EPA Regional Office Library
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beacon Hill Library
2519 15th Avenue South
Seattle, WA
206-684-4711
Open days, evenings, and week-ends. Call for hours.

Please visit our web page for more information about the site at:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/owcm.nsf/permits/philip-georgetown1>



Questions

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jeanne O'Dell, EPA Community Involvement - 206-553-6919, or

Ed Jones, EPA Project Manager - 206-553-1079,
for questions on the permit modification or the progress of the environmental cleanup.

Galen Tritt, Washington State Department of Ecology - 425-649-7280,
for questions on facility operations and compliance.

Janet Rhodes, Washington State Department of Ecology - 360-407-6708,
for questions on the facility's permit-renewal process.

If you are not receiving this fact sheet directly and would like to be on the mailing list to receive future updates from EPA, Ecology and Philip Services, please call Jeanne O'Dell at the above number. If you did receive this fact sheet directly and want to be taken off the mailing list, please call Jeanne O'Dell and your name can be removed.

To ensure effective communication with everyone, additional services can be made available to persons with disabilities by contacting one of the numbers above.



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